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Promotion of Tourism in Tribal Areas
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India has any plan/policy for promoting tourism in the tribal dominated areas and the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) affected districts;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the district-wise details of the facilities provided for promoting tourism in affected districts;
(d) whether any plan has been formulated or is proposed to be formulated for the Chatra, Latehar and Palamu districts of Jharkhand which are affected by left wing extremism and are tribal as well as scheduled caste dominated areas to explore possibilities of tourism there; and
(e) if so, the details of the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (e): The Ministry is implementing the Swadesh Darshan Scheme for integrated development of theme based tourist circuits in the country. Thirteen thematic circuits have been identified for development under the scheme including Tribal Circuit. The other identified circuits under the scheme are North-East India Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Desert Circuit, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit and Heritage Circuit.

Suitable project proposals of various States/UTs relating to the identified thematic circuits in any States/UTs/Districts are eligible for grant of Central Financial Assistance (CFA) under the scheme, subject to the availability of funds, liquidation of pending utilization certificates against the funds released earlier and adherence to the relevant scheme guidelines.

So far, no project proposal from the State of Jharkhand has been received for the Chatra, Latehar and Palamu districts of Jharkhand.

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